

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5130
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2001
EXPORT OF FOODGRAIN
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are no taker of Indian foodgrains in the export market for its quality being poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantity of foodgrains exported to various countries in the last two years and the quantity that was re-exported to India; and
- (d) the measures initiated by the Government to improve the quality of foodgrains?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The quantity of foodgrains exported to various countries in the last two years is as indicated in Annexure-I. Data for re-exports to India is not maintained separately.
- (d) The information is as indicated at Annexure-II please.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5130 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 20-4-2001.

1999-2000 (Prov.) 2000-2001 (April-Dec.2000 Prov.)
Item Quantity(in MT) Quantity (in MT)

Basmati Rice	606468	638434
Non Basmati Rice	1216681	407157
Wheat	20	795
Coarse grains	7618	26880

(Source: DGC&SCalcutta)

Also nearly 16 lakh MTs of wheat has been exported during the year 2000-01 from the Central Pool.

ANNEXURE-II

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- A large number of wheat varieties currently under cultivation viz., HP 977, HI 1074, RAJ 2184, RAJ 1482, RAJ 3077, DWR 195 etc have grain characteristics of international standards. Wheat produced in dry areas of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Western MP contain 12 - 13% protein and is suitable for export purpose(s).
- High quality protein composite maize Shakti-1, containing valuable amino acids such as tryptophan and lysine are already under cultivation.
- High yielding varieties of rice with the quality characters meeting the export requirements have been developed. These are Pusa

Basmati-1, Kasturi, Haryana Basmati and Taroari Basmati. Efforts are also being made to meet the quality requirement of Japonica Rice for export purposes.

- Development of rice varieties rich in Vitamin-A and iron through molecular breeding and genetic engineering is also under consideration in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology.